

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
JOINT TOWN/COUNTY MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.  
VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR**

A Joint Town/County Meeting of the Abingdon Town Council and Washington County Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator

**1a. ROLL CALL – TOWN OF ABINGDON**

Members of Council Present:

Edward B. Morgan, Mayor  
Cathy C. Lowe, Vice Mayor  
Jason N. Berry  
Richard E. Humphreys  
Robert M. Howard

Administrative Staff:

Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager  
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk  
Deborah C. Icenhour, Town Attorney  
Jim Cowart, Dir. Economic Development  
Myra Cook, Dir. of Tourism

**1b. ROLL CALL – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Members of Board Present:

Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chair  
Odell Owens, Vice-Chair  
Phillip B. McCall  
Nicole M. Price  
Kenneth O. Reynolds  
Thomas G. Taylor  
Joseph C. Straten

Administrative Staff:

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator  
Christy Parker, Asst. County  
Administrator/Economic Development  
Lucy Bright, County Attorney  
Naoma Norris, Administrative Supervisor

Visitors:

Debra McCowan

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Board of Supervisor member, Nicole Price gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**3a. Approval of the Meeting Agenda – Board of Supervisors**

**On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. McCall, the Board of Supervisors approved the agenda as presented.**

**The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)**

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| <b>Mr. McCall</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Owens</b>    | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Ms. Mumpower</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Ms. Price</b>    | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Reynolds</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Straten</b>  | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Taylor</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |

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**3b. Approval of the Meeting Agenda - Town Council**

**On motion of Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council members approved the Agenda as presented.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Howard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Humphreys</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Berry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Morgan</b>	<b>Aye</b>

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**4. General Business:**

**a. Topics of Interest as Identified by the Abingdon Town Council:**

**1. King College Medical School Project**

Mayor Morgan and Mrs. Mumpower reported on a recent meeting they attended at Johnston Memorial Hospital with the physician staff affirming the Town and County's support of the location of the King College Medical School in the Johnston Memorial Hospital facility once it is no longer being used. Mayor Morgan indicated that the Hospital Board would provide an official response some time in October regarding the Medical School proposal.

Discussion ensued among the Council and Board members regarding the location of the King College Medical School.

No action was taken by the Council members or Board of Supervisors members on this matter.



## **2. Proposed Town Sports Complex**

Bob Howard, Sports Complex committee member, provided a power point presentation regarding the committee's review of properties in the area that might be suitable for the location of a sports complex. Mr. Howard affirmed that the Committee ranked the Jim Brown property, located off of Green Springs Road and adjacent to the Virginia Creeper Trail, as the recommended site for the sports complex.

Discussion ensued among the Council and Board members regarding the sports complex property. Each group expressed enthusiasm for the project and the Board of Supervisors requested that they be kept up to date on the project as it progresses.

No action was taken by the Council members or Board of Supervisors members on this matter.



## **3. Tourism at Heartwood Artisan Center**

Greg Kelly, Town Manager reported that he had been in contact with Todd Christensen, Director of the Heartwood Artisan Center regarding staffing needs at the Center once it opens in the Spring. Mr. Kelly indicated that his recommendation was one full time and two (2) part time Tourism staff be placed at the Artisan Center to assist in promoting the Town and the County. Mr. Kelly requested that the Board of Supervisors consider assisting with funding for the staff at the Center considering they will be promoting tourism in the County as well as the Town.

Discussion ensued among the Board of Supervisors and Council. Mr. Reeter, County Administrator indicated that he was a member of the Cultural Heritage Commission

Board and would take this matter to the Board members for their consideration and recommendation.

No action was taken by the Council members or Board of Supervisors members on this matter.

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**b. Topics of Interest as Identified by Board of Supervisors:**

**1. Former County Sheriff's Office Property on Park Street**

Board of Supervisor member, Odell Owens reported that the County's Facilities Committee was in the process of reviewing the disposition of vacant County owned properties and inquired if the Town would have a use for the former County jail property located on Park Street.

Discussion ensued among the Council and Board members. Mr. Berry indicated that Holston Mountain Artisans, presently located in the former Sheriff's Administrative Office building, had done approximately \$10,000 worth of renovation work to that building and it was his hope that they not be evicted.

Mr. Straten and Mr. Owens further reported that other County buildings would be vacated in the near future such as the Treasurer/Commissioner of Revenue building and the dispatch building on Valley Street. Mr. Straten asked the Council also consider those buildings for purchase by the Town in the future. Mrs. Lowe affirmed the Town's desire to keep the Library in the Town of Abingdon and inquired if the Board had considered using any of the vacant County buildings to assist the Library in expanding their services.

No action was taken by the Council members or Board of Supervisors members on this matter.

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On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mrs. Price, the Board of Supervisors adjourned until their next scheduled meeting.

**The vote on this motion was as follows: (6-0)**

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| <b>Mr. McCall</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Ms. Mumpower</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Ms. Price</b>    | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Reynolds</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Straten</b>  | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Taylor</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk

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Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

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Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chair